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AUTOMATION OF AMMUNITION INVENTORY
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Army is going in for total automation of its ammunition inventory as reported in the Tribune dated April 9, 2000;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the extent to which it is likely to help the army to face any Kargil type misadventure?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE

(SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) & (b): The automation of Army Ordnance Corps inventory is to bring about transparency in the holding, to facilitate distribution and effective control. Accordingly, two task forces were formed to undertake functions as per a broad charter which includes:-

(i) Automation of Central Ordnance Depot, Delhi Cantt and Ordnance Services Directorate at Army Headquarter (including concerned sections of Ministry of Defence).

(ii) Automation of other Ordnance echelons, down to Division and Brigade level including enhancement of communication network through wide area Network.

(c) It is envisaged that with the utilisation of Information technology, the total Ordnance inventory will be automated to focus on the needs of the Army to face any Kargil type misadventure.